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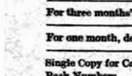

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourth day, viz.:

The Steam-ship "Penang," 800 Tons, 150 H. P., Commander T. Sanders, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 16th February, at noon.

Feb.		Feb.
Leave Bombay 16	Leave Galle	24
„ Rutnagherry 17	„ Negapatam	26
„ Vingorla 17	„ Pondicherry	27
„ Carwar 18		Mar.
„ Mangalore 19	„ Madras	1
„ Cannanore 20	„ Coconada	3
„ Calicut 20	„ Vizagapatam	4
„ Beypore 20	„ Bimlipatam	4
„ Cochin 21	„ Gopalpore	5
„ Tuticorin 22	„ Point Calimere	6
„ Colombo 23	Arrives Calcutta	7

This route is the most expeditious and economical for passengers for the Neilgherrie district, Bangalore and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the Steamer at Madras.

N. B.—Until further notice the steamers from Bombay and Calcutta will call at Rutnagherry and Vingorla on the dates above given.

No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, and Bussorah.

Up.	Feb.	Feb.	Down.	Feb.	Mar.
Leave Bombay	8	& 22	Leave Bussorah	26	& 12
„ Kurrachee.....	12	26	„ Fao	28	12
„ Guadur	13	27	„ Bushire	28	14
		Mar.			Mar.
„ Muscat	16	2	„ Linga	2	16
„ Bunder Abbas..	18	4	„ Bunder Abbas..	4	18
„ Linga	19	5	„ Muscat	6	20
„ Bushire	22	8	„ Guadur	8	22
„ Fao	23	9	„ Kurrachee.....	10	24
Arrive Bussorah.....	24	10	Arrive Bombay	13	27

The Steam-ship "Comorin," 500 tons, 100 H. P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on Monday, the 8th February, at noon.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

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THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, despatch a Steamer every 14 days to Kurrachee, touching at Goa, for Mangalore, Calicut, Tuticorin, Colombo, Madras, Vizagapatam, Calcutta, Akyab, Moulmein, Penang, Malacca, Singapore, and Hong Kong, on the 1st and 15th of each month, calling at Mangalore, Calicut, Cochin

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Subscribed Capital.	Nominal value of sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Rate per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. c.		
1,000,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	126
3,140,000	1,000	all	9 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1750
3,030,000	500	all	5 do.	Ditto of Bombay New	540
3,750,000	1,000	all	11½ pc	Ditto of Madras	1650
800,000	200	all	6 p. c.	Chartered Bank of India, A. & China	200
700,000	250	all	6 do.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	280
1,000,000	500	250	8 do.	Delhi and London	200
1,000,000	250	125	8 do.	National Bank of India.	140
900,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	460

LAND COMPANIES.

2,180,000	3,000	all	Rs. 80	Colaba Land Company	1285
1,050,000	1,000	all	Rs. 30	Elphinstone Land	790
1,020,000	1,000	500	11-16	Do. New	325
...	1,000	1,000	Nil	Frere Land	80
100,000	5,000	4,100	Nil	Mazagon Land	730
...	2,000	1,300	Nil	Port Canning	260

PRESS COMPANIES.

40,000	2,000	1,100	200ps.	Albert Co. Kurrachee	800
75,000	3,000	850	200do.	Alexandra Press Co.	500
187,500	12,000	11,000	1500ps.	Apollo Press Co.	10,000
80,000	2,000	2,000	1000do.	Bombay Press Co.	1770
...	500	500	1000do.	Do. New	410
...	1,980	1,980	1000do.	Colaba Press Co.	2900
70,000	2,000	2,000	...	East India Press Co.	1050
937,500	3,500	3,500	1000ps.	Fort Press Co.	8900
60,000	2,000	1,200	100ps.	Framji Cowasji Press	1165
400,000	6,000	4,000	425 p.	Hydraulic Press Co.	3400
20,000	5,000	2,000	...	Kurrachee Press Co.	800
300,000	1,000	500	...	Mofus. Press & G. Co.	210
30,000	2,500	2,500	200 ps.	Prince of Wales Press	2500
45,000	2,000	750	...	Victoria Press, Madras.	135

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

...	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co.	965
135,000	2,500	all	137½	Alliance Spinning	1620
40,000	2,000	all	...	Arkwright	400
550,000	2,500	all	...	Bombay	2800
100,000	1,000	1,000	10 p. c.	Bombay United	845
...	500	500	12 p. c.	Bronch Mills	225
150,000	5,000	all	...	Coorla Spinning	1950
150,000	2,000	2,000	300	Great Eastern	1440
250,000	1,000	all	135	Manockji Petit's	980
200,000	2,500	all	...	Oriental	1100
150,000	2,500	2,500	...	Royal	1425

SHIPPING COMPANIES.

500,000	5,000	3,500	600	Bombay Ship Co.	1450
200,000	2,500	all	300	Bombay Coast	260

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£20	18.3.0	5 p. c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	227
...	£20	196.8.8	do.	Do. New £20 shares	196
...	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1120
...	...	5.1	do.	Do. New Shares	Par.
...	50	50			
...	2,000	300	12		
100,000	500	all	3 p. c.	Tr[illegible]chanics' B'ld'g's Co. [illegible]achee Landing and [illegible]pping Company	35

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION & Co.

		Date of L'dation.		
1,045,000	500	500	Jan. '3	Bank of Bombay
800,000	200	20		Do. China
2,000,000	200	100	May '67	Do. Guzerat
1,000,000	250	150	Aug. '67	B'bay Pr'dence B'k.
2,000,000	250	200	Sept. '67	Do. Trde & B'nkg.
2,000,000	100	200	Sept. '67	Brokers' Bank
1,000,000	200	200	Mar. '68	Central Bank
300,000	500	200	Feb. '67	Indian Pensinsula
...	100	200	May '67	Royal Bank
...	400	400	...	B'gal Cr'dit Mobilier
1,200,000	400	130	Apr. '67	Old Financial

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COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

...	2,000	1,000	...	Ap'loB'd'W'arehouse	10
1,000,000	...	5,200	Nov. '66	Back Bay Co.	385
800,000	...	3,500	...	B'bay & Bengal S. S.	300
2,000,000	...	4,000	...	Frere Reclamation	140
...	...	3,500	...	Iron Shipping	260
...	...	...	...	Victoria Spinning	2000

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.		Rate.
London Banks	6 months' sight.		2s. 0 5/16d. to 2s. 0 13/32d.
Do. Credits	6	Do. do.	2s. 0 7/16d. to 9/16d.
Do. Documents	6	Do. do.	2s. 0 ½d. to 11/16d.
Calcutta	At sight		99½
Do.	60	Do. do.	98½
Madras	30	Do. do.	99
China	60	Do. do.	216 nom.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent	112
Five per cent.	108
Four per cent.	94
Five per cent. (Public Works Loan)	108
Five per cent. Debenture Loan 1866-67	103½
15 years' Debenture Loans	108
10 years' do. do.	107
5 years' do. do.	103½
Six per cent. Municipal Loan	98

BANK OF BOMBAY.

Government Securities	7 per cent.
Mercantile Bills	10 do.

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns each	Rs. 10-8
Bank of England Notes	„ 10-4
Spanish Dollars	„ 225
Carolus	„ 290
Mexican Dollars	„ 220
German Crowns	„ 210
Five-Franc Pieces	„ 223
Bar Silver	„ 106-8
Gold Leaf	„ 15-1
Bar Gold 10 oz. English	„ 16-8

DAILY COTTON MARKET REPORT.

BOMBAY, 5th February 1869.

	OLD.	Per Candy.
Oomrawuttee		235 to 240
Akote		235 to 240
Broach		235 to 238
Dhollera		248 to 250
Bhownuggur		248 to 250
Veeravul		230 to 230
Vingorla		235 to 238
Dharwar Sawginned		260 to 262
Khandeish		230 to 235
Barsee		230 to 235
	NEW.	
Oomrawuttee		268 to 269
Hinguughat		278 to 280
Broach	N.G.	268 to 269
Do.	M.G.	276 to 277

Ready sales on 5th Feby. 1075 Candies. Market firm.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

Statement of the Traffic Week ending 31st January, 1869.

Open 874 Miles.	Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	85,690	8	4
Merchandize	3,46,008	13	6
Electric Telegraph	1,995	15	0
Earth Trains	2,403	4	0
Total Rs.	436,107	8	10
Corresponding week last year open 852 Miles. Total Rs.	253,932	6	0
Increase	182,175	2	10

BOMBAY, BARODA, AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the Week ending 30th January 1869.

Open 307½ Miles.	Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	46,237	7	5
Merchandize	48,332	1	0
Back Bay Earth Trains	7,045	12	6
Electric Telegraph	6,32	10	0
Total Rs.	102,820	14	11
Corresponding week in January 1868. Open 306 Miles.			
Coaching	40,925	8	2
Merchandize	38,181	2	8
Back Bay Earth Trains	6,615	4	6
Electric Telegraph	686	5	0
Total Rs.	86,308	4	4
Increase	16,512	10	7

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—February 5.

Clarke, Assistant Surgeon, Buxar Stud Department, on furlough, from Buxar.

Logan, Captain, 2nd Dragoon Guards, on medical certificate, from Mhow.

Spens, Captain, Staff Corps, on leave, to Poona.

Maclean, Lieutenant Colonel, Madras Staff Corps, on leave, from Nagpore.

Westropp, Lieutenant Colonel, Poona Horse, on leave, from Seroor.

Bernard, Lieutenant, Royal Horse Artillery, on leave, from Kirkee.

DEPARTURES.—February 5.

Moore, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, to join, to Kirkee.

Lindsell, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, to join, to Jubbulpore.

The following Officers will leave to-day (6th) for England:—Maclean, Lieutenant Colonel, Madras Staff Corps, on leave. Clarke, Assistant Surgeon, Stud Department, on furlough.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—5th February.

London	Cotton	£2 5s. 0d. to £2 7 6d.	per ton.
	Seeds	£1 10s. 0d.	Nominal.
Liverpool	Cotton	£1 10s. 0d. to £2 0s. 0d.	„
	Seeds	£1 5s. 0d.	„
Overland	Cotton	£7 0s. 0d.	p. 40 c. ft.
China	Sailing vessel Cotton		Nominal.
	Steamer do.	R 6 to 7	per bale.
	Opium	Rs 10 to 15	per chest.
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 6	per ton.
Mauritius	Grain	12 annas	per bag.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
5	Ophelia	Strickland	Liverpool, Oct. 9.
	Prince Oscar	Long	London, Oct. 18.
	General Outram (s)	Teasdale	Kutch, Feb. 2.
	Comorin (s)	Turner	Kurrachee, Feb. 3.

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
5	Ellora (s)	Murray	Hongkong.
	Lutchmy Purwad	Nacoda	Cochin.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—Ship Camperdown, Nadarass, to London.
Ship Pendragon, Newton, to Liverpool.

The steamer Columbian, to Aden and Suez, began to load yesterday.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 31 Catherine Apear (s) ..... Swansen ..... Hongkong, Jan. 3.
Cheduba ..... McCorkindale ..... Moulmein, Jan. 25.
Kenyon ..... Jenkin ..... Liverpool, Oct. 10.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 30 Nubia (P. and O. S.) ..... Woolcott ..... Suez.
31 India (s) ..... Baxter ..... Bombay.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 30 Madura ..... Mauritius.
Nubia (P. and O. S.) ..... Woolcott ..... Calcutta.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

Bellary, 6th, 6 A.M.—Interruption Bangalore, since 8 A.M.
Bellary, 6th, 7 A.M.—Interruption Bangalore continues.

COPPER-PLATE PRINTING, ENGRAVING, &c.

THE Proprietor of the "Bombay Gazette" Press is prepared to execute Copper Plate Printing and Engraving on the Premises.

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April, 1868.

BOMBAY DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

For Promoting the Christian Education of European and Eurasian Children throughout the Presidency of Bombay.

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The Board makes grants to Diocesan School Byculla, St. Peter's School Mazagon, Bishop's School Poona, Poona Girls' Schools, Sholapoor European and Eurasian School. Total amount of grants Rs. 400 a month. Aggregate attendance at Schools 242.

The Board has also agreed to help to establish a School for the Children of Military Pensioners at Panchgunny.

To enable the Board to continue and extend its work, Subscriptions are earnestly solicited. They will be received by Rev. G. C. Reynell, Chaplain of Byculla, or may be paid on application to Mr. F. Valladares. G. C. REYNELL,

Bombay, 24th October 1868. Honorary Secretary.

NOTICE.—A Quarterly General Meeting of the Members of the Bombay Civil Fund will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, the 26th February 1869, at 4-30 P.M.

By order of the Trustees,
W. WEDDERBURN,
Secretary Civil Fund.

Bombay, Civil Fund Office, 5th February 1869.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.].

MADRAS.

BIRTHS.

HANKIN—January 29th, at Ootacamund, the wife of Major E. L. Hankin, of a son.

CLARKE—January 28th, at Glencoe, Ooty, the wife of Major C. Clarke, 10th Regiment N. I., of a daughter.

DEATH.

RUSSELL—January 28th, at Ootacamund, Edith Georgiana, youngest daughter of Colonel G. W. Russell, aged 14 years and 4 months.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES.

BIRTHS.

TWEDDELL—January 27th, at Nowshera, the wife of [illegible]ncis Tweddell, 31st Regiment P. N. I., of a daughter.

ANDERSON—January 31st, at Lucknow, the wife [illegible]ndant, 34th Colonel R. P. Anderson, Staff Corps, and [illegible]Lieutenant N. I., of a son. [illegible]ntral India, the wife of

ODDEVAINE—January 25th, at Goona, [illegible]aughter. Assistant Surgeon F. Odevaine, of a[illegible].

MARRIAGE.

PARKER—YOUNGHUSBAND—January 26th, at St. Paul's Church, Umballa, by [illegible]ant Commissioner, to Ernestine Woodall Parker, [illegible]rmy. Elise, second da[illegible] [illegible]. P. [illegible]

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1869.

MORE or less all minds are impressed with alarm at the prospective working of the Staff Corps organisation on the Finances of India. Our daily contemporary recently made statements on this head, which we are happy to confirm. The Government is evidently alive to the danger, and indeed it is obvious that the problem should be at once solved by the application of sound and liberal measures calculated to avert, as far as may now be possible, the evil consequences so palpably looming in the future. It is undeniable that the working of the present system will in the end produce a body of Field Officers quite out of all proportion to the necessities of the service. The remedy would appear to be an acceleration of retirements by a fair scale of extra annuities and bonuses; or, far better still, to ensure a continuous flow of retirements by an improved scale of retiring allowances after given periods of service. This latter course alone will, we believe, mitigate, and perhaps in time, remove the evil, and leave behind permanent beneficial effects.

That the pensions now in force are inadequate to induce retirements cannot be questioned—the result speaks for itself; retirements from the corps, for many years past, have virtually ceased. This is a great detriment to the service, for it has surcharged an already over full list of Field Officers, and has retained on high rates of Indian pay a number of officers for whom no suitable employment can be found; thus year by year adding unnecessarily to the Army charges. We see Captains acting as Adjutants and Quarter Masters of Regiments; Majors, even, performing the duties of Subalterns; and a long roll of Lieut.-Colonels receiving nearly £1,000 a year for doing no duty at all! If such are the consequences of the organisation this year, what will they be in the years to come? We find that at the end of the current year there will be in the Bombay Staff Corps alone—

114 Lieut.-Colonels.
134 Majors.
181 Captains.
66 Lieutenants.

By the end of 1873, only four years hence, the Lieut.-Colonels will have nearly doubled in numbers, namely 216; *but* (not [illegible] counting probationers) there will be no [illegible]ubalterns at all, for all will have merg[illegible]o Captains, of whom 186 will be o[illegible]st. In a memorandum printed last [illegible]ar (we believe by an officer of the Madras [illegible] Army) from which we have borrowed some of our figures, it is shown that, by the end of 1873, out of the total of 2,332 officers in the Staff Corps of the three Presidencies, no less than 1,034 will be Lieut.-Colonels. If we assume that each, instead of receiving his full pay of £1,000 per annum, receives only £700, allowing for absentees on furlough, then £723,800 will be chargeable to the Revenues of India for these officers alone! Taking the year 1879, when 262 Colonels will have qualified for their "allowances," the position will be as follows:—

262 Colonels' allowance ..... at £1,100 = £288,200
545 Field Officers ..... at £ 700 = £381,500
£669,700.

Again, the year 1885, when the whole of the survivors of the three Staff Corps will be Field Officers, the total number of the survivors (allowing 4½ per cent. for casualties) will be 782, of whom 420 will be in receipt of the Colonels' allowances. The charge upon the Revenues will then be—

429 Colonels' allowances..... at £1,100 = £462,000
362 Field Officers ..... at £ 700 = £253,400
£715,400.

It thus appears that the cost of the Indian Staff for the next twenty-five years will be something like £700,000 per annum—*for the Field Officers alone.*

The Indian pay of a Major is Rs. 640, and of a Lieutenant Colonel Rs. 827 a month, or in round numbers £750 and £1,000 per annum respectively. The pension offered to a Major after 24 years' service is £292, and to a Lieutenant Colonel, after 28 years' service £365 per annum. These were the pensions fixed seventy years ago, and they are still offered, although no bonus, varying from twenty-five to forty thousand rupees, can be obtained from regiments as of yore, and although there is no parallel between the present and past expenses of living, both in India and in the mother country. Is it then to be wondered at that retirements have ceased, and that Officers are compelled to serve on?

The Field Officers say it is better to eat even the bread of idleness and discontent on £750 and £1,000 a year in India, than to starve on the pension of £292 and £365 in England. As long as a man lives he has some hope of providing for his family on his Indian pay, not so on the pension now granted, unaccompanied as it is by one fraction of ready money. Grumbling out such considerations these officers remain on, receiving pay quite out of all proportion to the work they can give in exchange, and continuing to receive this high rate for years, hoping in the end to leave all the absurd offers of pension behind, and to grasp the Colonel's allowance of £1,100 a year, a haven which they reach twelve years after they are Lieutenant Colonels, or after a service of thirty-eight years. Such is the position; and such the present inducements for officers *not* to retire.

We are of opinion that it would be a financial saving to the State to double the pensions at once to induce retirements, but it is questionable whether that alone would be a sufficient inducement—a bonus is as necessary as an enhanced pension. Until the whole question is treated in a comprehensive and liberal spirit the Finances of India must bear the immense and entirely unnecessary burden thrown on them by the blunder of Amalgamation. The subject is one of the gravest importance, and should without delay command the earnest attention of the Finance Member of the Supreme Government.

WE English are proverbially supposed to take our pleasures sadly. In this country it may be said of many that they take no pleasures at all. We poor be-critisized Anglo-Indians, at whom every newspaper writer or novelist may take his fling, have scarcely had this characteristic of our life taken into sufficient account. We work hard, harder perhaps than our equals in Europe, but we play not at all. Our life is a somewhat dreary mill, going round ceaselessly through work, eat, sleep, work, eat, sleep, a round the more energetic among us vary by dreary constitutionals, which indeed at best appear to form part of the day's work, the occasional oiling of the machine necessary to enable it to go on working longer. In very truth work is a necessity as a stimulant to keep us alive, and we must all press on until good luck, time, or the doctor sends us home. And the usual consequences of all work and no play, are, we fear, apparent among us; we are dull, very dull; we are all as it were toned down to middle aged men before our time, we are as dull a set of people as are to be found on the face of the earth; but even dulness has its bright side, and our bright side is our respectability. We challenge contradiction when we declare, as our firm belief, that the Anglo-Indian is the most respectable man, Anglo-Indian society the most respectable society yet known to civilised man. It was not so always, we will allow; the Anglo-Indian of former days, according to tradition and those faithful contemporary historians the novelists, was about as much the reverse of a respectable man as could well be imagined. He gambled, he drank, he was not given to matrimony, (adopting in its place some of the customs of the land, he lived in the reverse of respectable,) he was a very fie-fie being, our predecessor of fifty or a hundred years ago, when, according to Mr. Kaye, the Governor in Council had to keep his Council in order with a stick. He is past and gone away, however, and the very remembrance of him has almost died out. Dying out too, we trust, is the idea that we spend our time destroying one another's reputations, and are poor Indians whose untutored minds have no proper conception of the Seventh Commandment. That such ideas have so long held ground is perhaps our own fault for not defending ourselves against our critics—for despising too much their attacks; we have liked to be thought incomprehensible, and it is not altogether unpleasant to be pointed out as "a sad dog"; in fact all the quietest, most respectable, men of our aquaintance like to be thought intensely wicked. We are, however, we affirm it with emphasis, the most respectable people in the known civilized world. We challenge contradiction.

What constitutes respectability? Is it not the having a fixed and proper occupation with a fixed and proper income derived therefrom; the leading a sober temperate life; the keeping decorous homes; the regular attendance at divine worship, and the wearing of respectable clothes? Are not these the outward and visible signs of respectability, and are not Anglo-Indians noted for all these things? Were we asked to define respectability of income, we should unhesitatingly answer, incomes varying from five hundred to as many thousands a year, the very class of incomes of which Anglo-Indians are mostly possessors. How many of us are there who can be accused of sitting up late o' nights; the method of becoming healthy and wealthy and wise, instilled into our minds while yet in the Nursery, is one pursued by us all: the rhyme varied by an Indian experience was repeated to us the other day—

Go early to bed, that practice delectable,
If it don't make you wealthy, it keeps you respectable;
Rise early each morn, and take much exercise,
Keep your health and your liver, and you will be wise.

As for the other signs of respectability given above; in church going, we are a pattern to the whole human race, our days of intemperance are past and gone, we wear respectable black coats, and for our sins be it added, black hats in a climate where it is often a penance. Such are the positive signs of respectability among us, signs visible wherever two or three Anglo-Indians are gathered together, as well as in the Presidency towns and other places where they do most abound. Respectable! how can we be otherwise, even supposing there were fewer of these outward signs among us. Negatively respectable, we cannot help being. We have no demi-monde, no outer Bohemia. Among us flutter no butterflies, brilliant on nothing a year, shoving joyously for a short space, emerging [illegible] heaven knows from [illegible] grubs, disappearing [illegible] suddenly as they came, [illegible]one knows [illegible] where. We all know everything [illegible] everybody, and the way the said [illegible]verybody makes his money—which is generally from a given official source, than which nothing can be more correct. Fast in the sense that men (and women) are fast in England we cannot be, when our wildest flings consist in running a horse in local races, in which we cannot "plunge" where there is no ring. In our secret soul we may yearn for dissipation, but dissipation cannot come to us; there is no such thing in the country, and such is our high standard, or rather that of the paternal Government from whom we take it, that we have known the said paternal Government move its junior servants, if of a social turn, from Poona, lest the somewhat dreary balls and pompous big dinners of a Poona season (Heaven save the mark!) should convert these sucking administrators into dangerous roués.

We are all or nearly all married or marrying men, the latter being of course the more respectable of the two, and, in spite of all our better informed critics at home may say to the contrary, we do not habitually run away with one another's wives.

We trust we have established our point: if we have not it is from the weakness of a pen afraid of prolonging the argument tediously and tiring our readers, unable in a few words suitable to the length of an article to put the case as cogently as may be wished. We have been so bespattered with mud for the sins of our fathers, sins seen from a distance and doubled by every thousand miles of space, that we have almost begun to believe we are indeed "sad dogs," whereas from force of circumstances we are really the quietest, best behaved, persons known to exist. We have seen the errors of our ways and the successors of that race of Kings who first governed India for England—a race as celebrated for hard drinking, hard gambling, large debts, and polite attentions to the ladies of the country, as for their successes in war and diplomacy—have become a sober church-going race, with a penchant for saving money and consequent horror of debt, the respectable husbands of decent English wives, a very pattern, we would once more insist, to the rest of Christendom—although we say it as shouldn't.

THE hope that the rain with which the N. W. Provinces was favoured had been general throughout the famine-afflicted districts, has been only partly realized. We learn from the "Delhi Gazette" that rain has fallen more or less, but in some places it was barely sufficient to lay the dust. Government, however, has stated that much permanent benefit will accrue from the late fall and that promised by appearances. Communications from the Punjab show that the fall has been very general there, and that, so far, we many reasonably consider all fears of famine, though high prices may still prevail, as at an end, in that part of the British dominions in India at least. The "Indian Public Opinion" of the 29th ult. says—"The rain which fell very heavily at Lahore and the neighbouring stations on the night of the 26th and the morning of the 27th, has done considerable good to all the sown land and the grass. The accounts from most districts are more favourable as to the state of the crops. The distress is not at present very severe, except in the Delhi and Hissar divisions, and is chiefly confined to immigrants from Bikanir and Rajputana."

THE "Mofussilite" narrates a curious story. At Khytul a Bunneah, having consulted Mahadeo about the chances of rain falling, and being assured that there was no *fear*, laid in grain to the utmost extent of his cash and credit. The day after the grain arrived rain fell for forty-eight hours: the price fell from 11 to 17 seers per rupee, and the speculative Bunneah threw himself down a well and killed himself. The above is, our contemporary has been assured, a fact.

THE 21st Madras Native Infantry, or rather six companies of the corps, reached Jubbulpore by train from Calcutta on the 26th ult.; and one wing of the Khelat-i-Ghilzie Regiment left Jubbulpore the day after, and the other wing was to leave on the first instant.

WE ("Indian Public Opinion") think that the officers of the Punjab Commission, whose hopes of promotion have been so long deferred, that their hearts must indeed be sick, will be astonished to hear, that the vacancy of a Commissionership in the Central Provinces, caused by Mr. Robert Egerton's elevation to the Financial Commissionership of the Punjab, has been filled up by the appointment of Mr. C. E. Bernard, a Civilian of ten years' standing, of which some two years have been spent in England. Mr. Bernard was a contemporary at Haileybury, of Messrs. Lyall, Saunders, Elsmie and Burney, now serving in the Punjab—none of whom have as yet attained the position of pucca Deputy Commissioner in this much favoured province. It would appear that Mr. Bernard, who served for a time as Assistant Commissioner in the Punjab, owes his elevation to the fact of his being a nephew of Sir John Lawrence, who so lately boasted that he never made an appointment from personal motives.

A PARAGRAPH is going the round of the Indian press stating on the authority of "a Madras paper" that the hot season is to be spent by "The Right Honourable the Governor in Council" on the Neilgherries. We believe we are correct in saying that those who are most interested in this arrangement as yet know nothing about it. It is rumoured, however, that H. E. the Commander-in-Chief and staff will proceed to the Neilgherries next month.—*Madras Times.*

THE members of the Dramatic Society who met at the College Hall on Thursday evening as performers or spectators had excitement provided for them upon which they had not reckoned. The time had arrived in the performance of the burlesque when Vilikins and his Dinah and the suitor "so galliant and gay" should all die to the accompaniment of ghostly music, and when they were still in the agonies, the blue light powder exploded and set fire to one of the wings. The dying people quickly recovered their activity, and by the timely application of buckets of water, the fire was extinguished before much damage had been done. This accomplished, the characters resumed their places according to the stage directions, and died comfortably.—*Madras Times.*

THE authorities of Trinity College, Cambridge, have instituted a Sanscrit scholarship.

THE longest shot on record (not with the long bow) has, says the "Pioneer," recently been fired at Shoeburyness by Mr. Whitworth's nine-inch muzzle-loader gun of 14 tons, firing a shot of 250 lbs., with a charge of 50 lbs. The range was 10,300 yards, or very nearly six miles.

THE rumour of the probability of the 13th Hussars coming from Canada to India, originating in the columns of the *Broad Arrow*, appears to have been founded on good data. We see it announced that some of the officers of the corps, rather than come to India, are seeking exchanges with officers on home service.—*Delhi Gazette.*

JENKINS IN BOMBAY.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

WE are delighted to observe the re-appearance of our old friend Jenkins. He was at the late Concert, and supplied a written expression of his *sentiments* to our daily contemporary. He is as ungrammatical and as incomprehensible as ever. As a musical critic, he was always well known, and he has lost none of his pristine freshness. It is quite pleasant to see the old style again, and the glitter of the old tinsel livery. Lively Jenkins, welcome to India!

Jenkins opens with a pleasantry. He annihilates the architect of the Town Hall, with a point of interrogation, playfully inserted in brackets. Now, Jenkins, you know it is wrong to laugh at personal infirmities. He appeases his manes, however, by approving the concert room. We ought to be thankful that we can provide a room of "capacious, though ungainly, proportions." What is a "capacious proportion"? Is the reputation of providing "capacious and ungainly proportions," a good or a bad one? The next feature Jenkins points out, is one which we shall always regret have[illegible]. It seems that t[illegible]-hall has a "centre ceiling" with a "shar[illegible] curve," and "pillars down each side." Jen[illegible]ins is above commas. He thinks "punctuati[illegible]on is the chief of time." We always thought t[illegible]hat the ceiling was too high, and the curve n[illegible]t sharp enough, but we give in to Jenkins [illegible]n that point. We won't allow, however, that [illegible]e ceiling has "pillars down each side." Th[illegible]ere we differ from Jenkins. Even this, however, was no obstacle, nor were the "reverberations and false tones." By the way, what is a "false tone"? It seems the united talents of all the choirs in the Island, not only reduced the curve, but carried off the pillars, and as for the reverberations, and other long words, they were nowhere. It is wonderful what an "enthusiastic harmonist" (Anglicé "singer") can do. After a skip or two, Jenkins calls our attention to the "propensities" of the hall. They are "antiacoustic." One can't hear in the hall. However, that is a mere trifle. We are told how that was overcome. The "choir and organ were placed at one side, that is, the back of the hall." It is a pity that Jenkins is not quite so lucid as he intends to be. He concludes, then, that the side of the hall is also its back; or—on second thought, the back has become the side; or, perhaps, the hall has only three sides, or—but we shall never find it out. We give it up. What is the answer? This sort of thing is rather confusing to a novice at description. Jenkins must be a noble person to look at if his has his side and his back in the same place. His second reason for the victory over false tones and reverberations is that a "convex canopy" was "hung" over the orchestra—as a warning to false tones, we suppose. Lastly, it is cheering to know that the audience "absorbed and harmonised" the sound. They *swallowed* it, in fact. That accounts for any yawns that may have been observed: people were disgorging the swallowed sound. They also "harmonised" it. It is very evident, then, that by sounding one note of an instrument, the audience harmonise it, and you have your concert without further trouble. What a musical treat!

After some little uncertainty as to the distance of "well-to-do Europeans from it as the centre of the Fort"—(what on earth does he mean?)—Jenkins proceeds to the opening. It seems the patrons "arrived showing a genuine interest." After the *false* tones, anything *genuine* must have been cheering. But how was it done? Did the Governor and the Commodore produce five per cent in rupees, and exhibit Government securities sticking out of their coat-pockets? Perhaps Jenkins thinks the *principal* persons ought to show an *interest*. Funny Jenkins! As he says "it is not easy to satisfy everybody." The performance "led off"—(what did it lead?)—with "The Occasional Overture," which we hear, for the first time, is very little known. Ignorant Jenkins! Herr Schmuck's band "brought out" its sprightly contrapuntal points." What is "counterpoint," Jenkins? Do you know, or has the sound only caught your musical ear? Is it the big-drum? Sprightly Jenkins!—Stradella's Air, d'Eglise pleased our friend, and he intimates that he "was truly *ravished*." Fie, Jenkins! It appears that people "cull" solos, like flowers. Either they, or the greater composers (of which latter, it seems, there are only three) are of "widely different schools." Punctuation again erratic. Careless Jenkins! The tenor solo was "treated with a delicacy." Oh! was it? Does he mean it had jam behind the organ? Jenkins treats the tenor himself with very little delicacy.

The "numbers" of the chorus were, like ballet-dancers, so "well balanced," that their rich musical tones "blended and rang" through the room of capacious, though ungainly, proportions, regardless of "reverberations and false tones," &c. This blending and ringing prepared the sound, we suppose, for the audience to swallow. After more fulsome compliments, Jenkins reascends into bad grammar. He says—"His labours" (the "conductor's") "are gratefully appreciated by the whole orchestra, and the complete success of the concert last night—*to whom* it is principally due," &c.—Who is *whom*? Where is your nominative case, Jenkins? Is it "his labours," "to *whom*;" or, is it "the whole orchestra," "to *whom*?" The "conductor" is "immersed in business" and "possesses acquirements," &c. These very analogous qualities unfit him for the post of "conductor"! Jenkins thinks this calls for special remark. Kind Jenkins!

After a paragraph of trash about the secretary, Jenkins arrives near the end. He cannot take his leave without a little congenial sentiment. It seems a "singer" (enthusiastic harmonist?) "struck up a few notes," and Jenkins thought he was challenging the ghosts of old harmonies. We thought that they had all been absorbed by the audience. With this ghost story Jenkins drops a tear to the "First Musical Festival of Bombay," and owns to an "ambitious thought." No, no, Jenkins; no more ambition.

Aspiring Jenkins! Remember that you are criticising ladies and gentlemen, and though you can't help bad grammar, don't be quite so snobbish. It pleases no one to be fulsomely praised, and induces others to imagine the whole affair a failure. We must correct one error which the "modest and retiring temperament" led him to promulgate. Signor Desirini was *not* a member of the late Omnibus—we mean Opera—Company. Adieu, Jenkins. Out of livery you are a failure: you know you are. We wish you better luck next time, and shall always be happy to point out any trivial errors in your system of grammar. Ungrammatical Jenkins!

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DEFEAT OF INSURGENTS IN ALGERIA.

LONDON, 4TH FEBRUARY.

A telegram received from Algeria states that 1,200 French soldiers completely defeated 3,800 natives yesterday. The French were subsequently pursuing them.

The Spanish Carlists have arrived at Saragossa.

ST. PETERSBURG, 3RD FEBRUARY.

An Imperial Ukase has been issued to-day authorising a private Company to commence levelling for a railway between the Oral and Caspian Sea.

(BY INDIAN TELEGRAPH.)

CALCUTTA, 5TH FEB., 9 P.M.

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CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Bombay Auxiliary of the Church Missionary Society was held in the Durbar Room of the Town Hall on Thursday afternoon There was a pretty good attendance, and the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese occupied the chair.

The Rev. T. K. Weatherhead read an abstract of the annual report of the corresponding committee, in which they commenced by stating that the good and able president of the local Society, Bishop Harding, had been obliged to resign the See, but that it was wished he might be long spared to the Church at home where his sympathies on behalf of the missions would long continue to be exerted; and the committee announced with pleasure that his successor, the present Bishop, had consented to take his seat as the president of the corresponding committee, and they hoped he might be spared to see the Church much enlarged among the natives of the Bombay diocese. The committee then stated the changes which had occurred among the missionaries, two of whom had been obliged to leave for Europe on account of failing health, and one had died during the past year. As to native agency, they stated that within the past year it had been considerably increased, and so far as numbers and fees were regarded, there had been a great increase in the three Anglo-Vernacular schools—the Money Institution, Bombay, the Kurrachee and the Hydrabad Mission Schools. But there was a very general impression amongst the missionaries in charge, that these institutions were not what they should be in a missionary point of view, for the great aim of the pupil was to pass the Government examination and to gain a certificate, the lessons in scripture being regarded as rather intrusive, the boys trying to form them into grammar lessons. The committee, nevertheless, stated that they recognised in the educational movement a great pioneer of missionary effort, and as far as regarded mission schools they had good hopes for the future. Vernacular schools were to be found in all the stations, there being six in the Island of Bombay alone, with 278 boys and 23 girls, whilst there were 2,024 pupils within the diocese. The report gave details as to the several congregations throughout the diocese, and noticed the opening, at the beginning of 1866, of the new Mission Church, for Native and English service in Bombay. The Native Christians, it was stated, expressed great pleasure and satisfaction at so beautiful an edifice being erected for them, as well as for Europeans. Many gifts had been made to the church —the communion plate was presented some years ago by Mr. Lankester; the font by Mr. James Parker, at a cost of Rs. 100; the whole of the chancel by Mr. Emerson, the architect; special contributions had been voluntarily given; the harmonium and the clock had been subscribed for separately; and the west end window was to be filled with stained glass by three gentlemen. The committee expressed the hope that the Church would be the means of bringing many residents in the Girgaum district under the influence of Gospel truth, and that many educated natives would attend the services. In conclusion they thanked their many friends for the very liberal support given by them during the year—the subscriptions having amounted to Rs. 8,922 for the Church building fund, Rs. 3,723 for the general fund, and nearly Rs. 2,000 for the orphanage debt.

The Rev. R. Clarke, from Umritzur, moved—"That the report, of which an abstract has been read, be adopted and published under the direction of the corresponding committee," and in doing so the rev. gentleman gave an interesting account of mission work in the Punjab.

The Rev. T. W. Knott, who has newly arrived in India in order to establish a College at Lahore, seconded the adoption of the report in an able speech.

The Bishop then said—Before putting the resolution to the meeting, I may be permitted to say a few words—though as you may not have another opportunity of hearing the Rev. Mr. French I will not shorten anything he may have to say by taking up your time myself. I cannot pretend at this very early stage of acquaintance with this country to make any remarks of a practical character with regard to the manner in which Church Missions should be undertaken in this great land; but I would just like to express my own very deep interest in the work which is being carried on by this Society, and by the Church of England generally, and to say that I trust God will give me grace and energy to further in every possible manner the great work of missions. (Applause.) My own peculiar position, as the bishop of what may be called in some sense a kind of established church in this land, brings me into the closest contact with those who are the chaplains of the establishment of the Church of England here; but at the same time I wish very distinctly to say, I regard that as only one department of my work, and that I consider I am as much bound by my duty to the Christian [illegible] to the very great and all important work [illegible] all my energies not occupied by that [illegible] (Applause.) I look upon the position of the English Church in this country as ordained providentially by God for the great work of extending our Lord's Kingdom here. God at different times has called on great nations to do some great work for His Kingdom, and I think we cannot read the signs of the times, or the history of the past, without seeing that He has called the English nation in these modern days to what is, perhaps, the greatest of all works that has been done in the world. In early times Europe was converted,—the Gospel spread through what may be called chiefly the boundaries of the Roman Empire. After that there was a great reaction in the Mahomedan countries; the Church slumbered and slept to a great extent; and in these modern times—within the last 300 years, and especially within a more near period—God seems to be rousing us and calling us to go forth and deal with the great work of converting Asia —and as the conversion of Asia seems to be the special work of the Church in these modern days, so God seems to call specially on the English nation to do that work. (Applause.) Looking to myself, therefore, as in some manner the representative of the English nation here, being connected with the Church of England, I certainly regard it as a most important portion of my undertaking to further missions in every way I can; and I hope and pray God will give me both grace to undertake such a work and wisdom to direct in so far as I can the work of others; and I ask that all who are interested in missions will help me with the continuous prayer that I may have grace, strength, and wisdom to do what God may call on me to perform. (Applause.) Such being the general view I should wish to take of my own position, I would now just say a few words as to what seems to me to be of very great importance in this particular city in which I am established. Whether we look at the activity of its people in the way of trade and commerce, or whether we look at the vastness of its population, or to its comparative proximity to England, I think we must see that the importance of this city will daily become more and more apparent and more felt. And without losing ourselves in generalities, still we may all feel that we do belong to a very great community; and I trust that every one of us will look upon himself as not only called upon to do something in the way of sending others to the work, but as able,—by his own personal example and the manner in which he deals with the people around him—each to contribute his support to the Lord's Kingdom and the conversion of the people among whom our lot is cast. Everything we say and do must have its effect on those in the midst of whom we live; and if we set forth continually before them the spirit of the Christian religion—if we show forth its kindness, its gentleness, its belief in things unseen, and all that specially characterises the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—it is impossible but that an influence will go forth from us, the effect of which gradually and insensibly, but at last effectually, by God's grace, tell upon the people by whom we are surrounded. (Applause.) I would at the same time point out to you, that while there is a great deal which is hopeful in the present position of affairs, yet we must all be conscious of the many difficulties which beset the work of the Church here, still, all accounts coming from those best acquainted with the state of things in India, would lead us to believe that, whatever ancient customs and prejudices may do in the way of retaining the existing state of things, still that condition of affairs is being gradually undermined. All those who are best acquainted with the state of the native mind and the effect produced on it by English civilisation and education would lead us to suppose and be confident that a new state of things is coming, or has actually come, amongst us. Whether that state of things is to pass on to the Christian faith and the general acceptance of the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ remains to be proven; but we cannot doubt if we are faithful to our trust:—if we go forth in the full belief that our Lord Jesus Christ will fight on the side of those who maintain His cause:—if we act as if we knew that He can aid us and give us the heathen as our inheritance and the utmost parts of the earth as our possessions:—then I am sure that day by day we shall have greater reason to rejoice in the efforts of our labours, and may hope and believe that God will bless and prosper our works. Let me ask all of you to do that, which after all is the most efficient instrument in aiding this great work, and that is to make it the continual subject of your daily prayers that our Lord's Kingdom may be extended throughout the world, but especially in this country. Pray that He may send forth labourers into the vineyards;—pray that He may send forth servants endowed with such gifts and such graces, that they may be fitted for the very difficult task of dealing with the conversion of those who are becoming a more and more highly educated race;—pray that men may be induced to sacrifice themselves and to account it their chief privilege and joy to devote themselves, at whatever cost, to the service of Him who gave up Himself that all might be saved:—and if we are content to pray thus, although it may affect but little, yet He who is the hearer and the answerer of our prayers will lend a listening ear to our supplications, and in His own good time, and in His own good way, will bring forth those great results for which we must all hope and wish. (Applause.)

The motion was then put to the meeting and declared carried.

The Rev. T. V. French (who has returned to India after a stay in England) followed with a lengthy and able address on missionary work.

Dr. Joynt proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, in doing which he remarked that it must be gratifying to all that His Lordship had at once identified himself with mission work, and that he was sure every one must hope that the Bishop might be long spared to watch over the diocese. (Applause.)

The Bishop, in acknowledging this compliment, said that he had felt much in presiding over this meeting, and that he would be happy to give his attention to the works of the Missionary Society.

The meeting was then closed.

THE LATE RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

The following Bill (No. 2 of 1869) was published in the *Bombay Government Gazette* of Thursday, entitled, "A Bill to empower the Commission appointed by Government to investigate the circumstances and causes of a recent fatal accident at the Bhore Ghaut Incline, on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and to report on the measures to be adopted to secure the future safe working of the line, to take evidence upon oath." It was passed at the meeting of the Council yesterday, with some alterations.

Whereas a passenger train coming down the Bhore Ghaut Incline of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, on the morning of the 26th January 1869, ran away, and, passing through the reversing station, went over the edge thereof, destroying several brakes and carriages attached to the said train, and causing loss of life and grievous injury to many passengers and others travelling in the same; And whereas Government have appointed a Commission for the purpose of thoroughly investigating the circumstances of the accident, and the causes which led to it, and of reporting on the measures which should be adopted to secure the future safe working of the line; And whereas it is expedient that the said Commission should have power to take evidence upon oath touching the matters to be inquired into under the said Commission, and for that purpose to make provision for the attendance of witnesses for their examination before such Commission: It is enacted as follows:—

I. The words "Commission" and "Commissioners" in this Act shall mean—

The Honourable J. H. Bayley, Advocate General, the President of the Commission;

A. F. Bellasis, Esq., Revenue and Police Commissioner N. D.;

Lieutenant Colonel J. S. Trevor, Consulting Engineer for Railways;

Captain Henry, Superintendent P. and O. Company;

A. W. Forde, Esq., C.E.; and

Captain Hancock, R.E., Secretary of the Commission, who were duly appointed by Government to form the said Commission, by Government Resolution, dated Bombay Castle, 29th January 1869, and shall include the members for the time being of such Commission present at any meeting of the same, and such other members (if any) of the said Commission as have been, or may be, appointed by Government to serve on such Commission.

II. The Commissioners may, by summons under the hand of Captain Hancock, R. E., the Secretary, or of the Secretary for the time being of the Commission, require the attendance before the Commissioners, at a time and place to be mentioned in such summons, of any person residing or being within the Presidency of Bombay, whose evidence is in their judgment material to any of the matters of the inquiry aforesaid, and may require him to bring and produce before them all such books, papers, letters, reports, plans, estimates, sections, drawings, and writings, and copies of any of the above, as they think necessary for arriving at the truth of the said matters. Every such person shall accordingly attend before the Commissioners, and shall produce such books, papers, letters, reports, plans, estimates, sections, drawings, and writings, and copies of any of the above as are required of him, and are in his possession or power, or under his control, or which may, in the opinion of the Commissioners, be procured by him according to the tenor of the summons.

III. The Commissioners may administer an oath every person examined before them, touching the matters to be inquired into under the Commission; but it shall not be necessary for them to take evidence upon oath, unless they think fit so to do.

IV. If any person upon whom any such summons is served by the delivery thereof to him, or by the leaving thereof at his usual place of abode, fails without reasonable cause (to be allowed by the Commissioners) to appear before them at the time and place mentioned in the summons; Or refuses to be sworn, or does not make answer to such questions as are put to him touching the matters directed to be inquired into by the said Commission; Or refuses or fails without reasonable cause (to be allowed by the Commissioners) to produce and show to the Commissioners any such book, paper, letter, report, plan, estimate, section, drawing, writing, or copy of any of the above being in his possession or power, or under his control, or which in the opinion of the Commissioners might have been procured by him, as to the Commissioners appear necessary for arriving at the truth of the matters to be inquired into by them, or makes any statement which is false, and which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true: The President for the time of the said Commission shall have the power by warrant under his hand to direct that such person be apprehended and committed to and detained in close custody in a place and for a time specified in the warrant until he shall comply to the satisfaction of the Commissioners with such requisitions as have been made on him touching his examination. The warrant shall specify the person or persons by whom such apprehension, committal or detention shall be made.

V. Every witness required to attend and give evidence under the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to a reasonable sum (to be allowed by the Commissioners) for his expenses for travelling to and from, and remaining at the place at which he is required to attend.

VI. In Sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code, the words "Judicial proceeding" shall be taken to include any proceeding under this Act, and in the latter Section the words "public servant" shall be taken to include a Commissioner under this Act.

No person shall be excused from answering any question put to him by the said Commissioners, or any of them, upon the ground of any privilege, nor on the ground that the answer to such question will tend to criminate such person.

VIII. The Commissioners shall hold the said inquiry at any city, town, or place within the Presidency of Bombay as the President of the Commission shall from time to time appoint.

IX. The said inquiry shall be conducted in public: Provided that if a majority of the Commissioners (including the Secretary) shall from time to time think fit any part of such inquiry may be conducted with closed doors.

X. No suit shall lie against the Commissioners or any of them or any other person for anything done in the execution of this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The object of this Bill is, as stated in the Preamble, to enable the Commission appointed by Government to inquire into the cause of the recent fatal accident on the Bhore Ghaut Incline of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, to take evidence on oath, and to secure the attendance of witnesses, and the production of such documents as the Commission may require.

LITTLETON H. BAYLEY.

Bombay, 3rd February 1869.

INSPECTION OF STEAM BOILERS IN BOMBAY.

The following Bill (No. 3 of 1869) entitled "a Bill to provide for the periodical Inspection of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers attached thereto in the City of Bombay," has been prepared for the consideration of the local Legislative Council:—

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the inspection by competent inspectors of steam boilers and prime movers attached thereto, in the city of Bombay, with a view to the security of persons and property, It is enacted as follows:—

I. The following words and expressions in this Act shall have the meaning hereby assigned to them, unless where a contrary intention shall appear from the context, that is to say—

The word "Boiler" shall include any cylinder or vessel for generating steam under pressure.

The words "Prime Mover" shall include any steam engine, fly-wheel, first driving shaft, and pulley attached to any such engine.

The word "Owners" shall include any agent or hirer using any boiler or prime mover.

II. The Governor of Bombay in Council shall appoint inspectors for the purposes of this Act, who shall inspect all boilers and prime movers attached thereto in the city of Bombay in the manner hereinafter provided.

III. It shall not be lawful for the owner of any such boiler or prime mover as aforesaid to use the same in the said city unless a certificate shall have been duly granted in respect thereof in the manner hereinafter provided; and it shall not be lawful for such owner to continue to use such boiler or prime mover after the period for which such certificate shall have been granted.

IV. The owner of any such boiler or prime mover as aforesaid in respect whereof a certificate shall not be in force in manner hereinafter described shall, before using the same, give notice to an inspector appointed under this Act of his intention to use or continue to use the same. The inspector to whom such notice shall be given shall appoint a time between sunrise and sunset and within forty-eight hours after such notice, for the inspection of such boiler or prime mover, and at such time shall carefully examine such boiler or prime mover and every part thereof, and the owner or person in charge thereof shall afford to such inspector all reasonable facilities for such examination and all such information as may reasonably be required.

V. An inspector, making an inspection under this Act of any such boiler or prime mover as aforesaid, if he be satisfied that such boiler or prime mover is in good condition, shall, on payment by the owner or person in charge thereof, of such fees as shall be fixed in the rules hereinafter mentioned, give to the owner a certificate signed by him to that effect, in the form in the schedule to this Act annexed, and such certificates shall state the period for which such boiler or prime mover may be used, and shall cease to be in force on the expiration of such period.

VI. The Governor of Bombay in Council, or any person authorised by him in that behalf, may revoke any certificate granted under this Act, in any case in which he shall have reason to believe that such certificate has been fraudulently obtained or erroneously granted or has been granted without sufficient inspection, or in case he shall have reason to believe that the boiler or prime mover in respect whereof such certificate shall have been granted, since the granting such certificate has sustained injury or is not in good condition. On such revocation of a certificate, an inspector, not being the person who granted the revoked certificate, shall again examine the boiler or prime mover in respect whereof such revoked certificate was granted, in the manner prescribed in Section IV. of this Act, and if he shall be satisfied, that the same is in good condition, shall grant another certificate. Provided that no additional fee shall be paid unless there shall appear to have been reasonable ground for revoking the certificate.

VII. The Governor of Bombay in Council shall, from time to time, frame rules regulating the fees payable for certificates, and the duties of inspectors appointed under this Act; such rules shall not have effect until they shall have been published in the *Bombay Government Gazette* for a period of six weeks, and shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

VIII. The owner of any such boiler or prime mover as aforesaid who shall have obtained a certificate for the same shall at all reasonable times, during the period for which the same may be in force, be bound to produce such certificate when called upon to do so by any Magistrate having jurisdiction within the city of Bombay, or by any person authorised in writing by such Magistrate to demand its production.

IX. The owner of any such boiler or prime mover as aforesaid who shall use the same in the said city without a certificate duly obtained and in force in respect thereof under this Act, shall be punished with a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees; and to continue to use the same after such fine shall have been imposed shall be held to be a separate offence, and shall be punished in like manner. No proceeding shall be taken to enforce this penalty before such day after this Act shall have come into operation as the Governor of Bombay in Council shall fix by notification in the *Bombay Government Gazette*.

X. This Act shall not apply to any locomotive engine used upon any railway in the city of Bombay, or to any steam vessel in the port of Bombay.

XI. All penalties imposed by this Act may be recovered in the manner prescribed by Act XIII. of 1856 (for regulating the police of the towns of Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay) and Act XLVIII. of 1860, *to amend Act XIII. of* 1856,) or any other Act for regulating the police of the city of Bombay in force for the time being. All penalties to be levied under this Act shall be disposed of in such manner as the Governor of Bombay in Council from time to time shall direct.

XII. No charge shall be brought against any person for the recovery of any penalty under this Act except within six months after the commission of the offence, nor shall such charge be brought without the authority of an inspector appointed under this Act.

XIII. This Act shall come into operation on such day as the Governor of Bombay in Council shall fix by Notification in the *Bombay Government Gazette*.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Two boiler explosions, causing the loss of three lives, have lately occurred in Bombay. On the Coroner's inquest it transpired that the first accident was owing to the inferior quality of the iron of which the boiler was made, and that the second accident was ascribable to a want of due caution in the supervision of the working of the boiler. The juries pointed out the necessity for the appointment of an inspector.

It is considered expedient for public security that a competent inspector should be appointed, with legal authority to inspect steam boilers and prime movers in the city of Bombay.

A. H. CAMPBELL.

Bombay, 4th Feb. 1869.

HINDOO FEMALE CELEBRITIES.

(Calcutta Review.)

(Concluded from yesterday's Gazette.)

DRAUPADI holds the second rank amongst Hindoo female celebrities, and is the heroine of the second great national Epic of the Hindoos. Her father, Drupuda, was Raja of Panchala—the Kanouj of subsequent ages. The legend of Draupadi's Swayamvara, forms an interesting episode in the Mahabharat, of which a graphic narration has been given in the excellent history compiled from that poem by Mr. Wheeler. To win the hand of the loveliest princess of her age, there assembled in the city of Kampilya a large number of Rajas and Chieftains from different parts of India. But the hand of the damsel was pledged to the individual who should prove himself to be the most skillful archer of the day. The following is an account of a Hindoo Swayamvara in verse:—

"My mother bids me seek a spouse,
To whom to give my maiden vows;
Rajas and Thakoors, waiting near,
Abide my choice 'twixt hope and fear.

Within my heart a gem lies hid,
For him 'twill glow who lifts the lid;
Within my breast a fountain sleeps,
For him 'twill gush who opes its deeps.

Within my soul I feel a power,
To love through every changeful hour;
But none has waked that slumbering might,
Or kindled that still sleeping light.

A vision visits oft my dreams,
A bright and manly form it seems;
But when the expectant crowd draw near,
Will such a form mid them appear?

Then, who shall wear the nuptial wreath,
To whom can wake affection's breath!
No, rather let me still abide
A Maiden by my mother's side."*

The vow was fulfilled by Arjuna, one of the Pandava brothers, who pierced an arrow through the eyes of the golden fish that had been placed overhead beneath the canopy, by looking at its reflected image in a piece of water below. The Swayamvara of the Sita and the Swayamvara of Draupadi, belong to that ancient period of Hindoo history, when damsels were nominally permitted to choose their husbands for themselves from the crowd of candidates for their hands, but were actually given away as prizes to the most successful of archers and prize fighters in other words, their parents married them to men who had the highest skill, valour, and physical strength; just as in our age, parents marry their daughters to men who possess the highest wealth, rank and intelligence. But in the Swayamvaras of a later age, the fate of maidens did not depend upon vows and chance-shots; rather, they exercised their own free choice, and moved round a circle of young men, accompanied by a nurse, or a father, or a brother, to assist them in the delicate task. The hero who had entitled himself to the hand of Draupadi was a youth of handsome appearance named Arjuna, whose neck she gladly threw the garland to mark her choice. But she did not become the wife exclusively of the man who had fairly won her hand in public competition. In those early ages, polyandry was as much the disgrace of human society, either from a want of delicacy or penurious circumstances, as polygamy is now from a moral laxity and want of justice to the female sex. In a day does a race of that abominable custom survive, in the hill-states of Bussahir and Koonawar, where "three or four or more brothers," says Fraser, "marry and cohabit with one woman, who is the wife of them all. They are unable to raise the requisite sum individually, and thus club their store and buy this one common spouse." According to the practice of that age, Draupadi became the joint wife of the five brothers. They carried her first to Hastinapoor, and then to Indraprastha, where Yudishthira performed the great royal ceremony of the Rajshuye, and was inaugurated as an independent and sovereign Raja. Then followed the famous gambling match, in which Yudishthira lost his Raj, and was reduced, with all his brothers, to the condition of a slave. Finally, he staked Draupadi upon the throw of the dice, and lost her too in the game. It greatly shocked the feelings of that amiable princess to hear that she had been gambled away and won by the enemy. Notwithstanding her protest against unfair play and the illegal procedure of her husband, she was dragged by the hair from her lodgings to the gambling pavilion, and was subjected to many affronts. The scene became most sensational, and swords would have been drawn on both sides, had not Dritarashtra made his appearance at the critical moment, and, interposing his paramount influence, quieted the tumult, mollified Draupadi with many soothing words, and given permission to the Pandavas to depart for their own city. To stake one's wife in a game, certainly points to a low stage of civilization, and little regard for woman. But European treatises of gambling, are by no means free from scandals of a similar character, although they were invariably regarded as secret. There is a horrible story of a gambler playing away his wife, in Mr. Ainsworth's romance of "Old St. Paul's," which is, apparently, based upon some tradition of the seventeenth century.

There was again a final game, which doomed the Pandavas to a second exile in which they were accompanied by their wife Draupadi. On one occasion, she had been left alone in the retreat, whilst the Pandavas had gone out to bag game. Jayadratha, Raja of Sindh and brother-in-law to Duryodhana, taking advantage of the opportunity, came to the place in the disguise of a friend, and seizing Draupadi and lifting her up into his chariot, drove the car towards his kingdom. The shrieks of the princess rent the air. The Pandavas became apprized of her calamity. They started in hot pursuit of the enemy, and, having overtaken him, rescued Draupadi, and made Jayadratha a prisoner. He had infringed the law of the Kshatriyas, by carrying off a woman without first vanquishing her husband, and had forfeited his life for the offence. But he was married to the cousin-sister of the Pandavas, the consideration of whose widowhood made them hesitate to inflict upon him the punishment of death. Though Jayadratha's life was spared, he was not let off without being subjected to many kicks and cuffs and other ignominious treatment. This was followed in a few years by the breaking out of the famous war for the sovereignty of the Raj of Bharata, in which the Pandavas out-fought the Kauravas on the plains of Kurukshetra, which is identified with Panipat, and where many a time the fate of India has been decided. From the field of battle the victorious Pandavas marched in procession to the city of Hastinapoor. There, their triumph was closed by the installation of Yudishthira in the Raj of his ancestors. So far from Hindoo ladies having been held in contempt and treated as slaves, we see Draupadi associated with Yudishthira in the solemn rites of inauguration. They sat together upo[illegible]

* Wheeler's History of India.

writing in the letter, and she read again the words:—'Chandrahasa is my enemy; give him poison.' Now the words signifying 'enemy' was such, that by taking away a single letter she could turn it into a word signifying 'friend;' and she did so. And the word signifying poison was *bika*; and seeing that the young man was very handsome, she altered the word *bika* into her own name of Bikya; and she re-sealed the letter with a copy of her father's seal, and placed it back in the bosom of the young man." Chandrahasa rose from his sleep, and going to the Minister's house delivered the letter to his son, who read it with great surprise. But the orders were positive, and to be executed without delay, so that Chandrahasa and Bikya became husband and wife by sunset that same evening. Perhaps European etiquette and taste may condemn Bikya as having been guilty of espionage and indelicacy; but still her proceedings are not altogether unfeminine, nor unprecedented in the history of the female sex. The most salient point for consideration in the story of Bikya, is the letter which a young lady could not only read, but was able to alter with her own hand,—circumstances which plainly indicate the education of the ancient Hindoo females.

The next character is *Biddyatoma*, the wife of the celebrated Indian poet Kalidasa. From an inscription on a temple at Boodh Gya, the date of Amar Sinha, the author of the *Amarkosh*, has been found to correspond with the year 500 A.D.; and as Kalidasa was contemporary with that Hindoo lexicographer, the age of Biddyatoma must be referred to the same period. There is nothing on record about Biddyatoma in any Hindoo book. Though associated with a great name, little more is known of her than what is current in a tradition which states her to have been the daughter of a Brahmin Rajah, called Sharodanundana, who had brought her up in all the learning and refinements of that age. To the endowment of beauty—the natural dowry of her sex—she added rank, wealth and knowledge, that made her the ornament of her sex and country. Proud of her attractions and accomplishments, she resolved to offer her hand to the man who would surpass her in learning and scholastic disputation. This points to the more refined Swayamvaras of later Hindooism, in which the physical qualifications of a man had ceased to be preferred to his intellectual qualifications, and in which damsels did not wed themselves like Sita or Draupadi to heroes and warriors, but to scholars and accomplished men. The hope of fulfilling Biddyatoma's vow allured many a Pundit to the court of Sharodanundana. But none proved himself qualified to obtain possession of her hand. Frustrated in their expectations, the humbled Pundits felt their mortification heightened the more by the reflection that they had been beaten by a girl of youthful years. Under the stings of shame and disappointment, they united in a plan to revenge themselves upon the princess: it was to inveigle her into marriage by stratagem,—a measure best calculated to afford them satisfaction, as well as to hurt the arrogance of the princess. In search of a man to answer their purpose, they happened to find Kalidasa sitting upon a tree, and cutting the very branch on which he sat. The man who was thus unconsciously employed in the work of his own destruction, was pitched upon as the fittest person to accomplish their object. Kalidasa was advised to come down from the tree, and to assume the character of a *mouna*, or silent philosopher, who should answer only by means of signs and symbols. There was a time when India abounded with such a taciturn Yogees and Sunnyasees. Glad at the prospect of getting a wife, Kalidasa promised to play the part taught him. The Pundits then divided themselves into two parties—one composed of the elders, and the other of the juniors. The elder sages went before, and took their seats at the court of Sharodanundana. The younger party followed after a short interval, with Kalidasa at their head; and the Brahmins, who had preceded, all rose from their seats to welcome his arrival. They offered him the most prominent seat in the assembly, and honoured him with professions of deep respect. The most select epithets of praise were lavished to extol his merits, and every man present affected a great reverence for his character. But when Biddyatoma as their great preceptor, who had secluded himself from the world to pursue his studies in solitude, who had taken a vow of taciturnity, and who answered to all questions by means of signs and symbols. To try the depth of her new suitor's learning, Biddyatoma held out one of her fingers towards him, by which she implied that the world was created by one First Cause. The illiterate Kalidasa construed this into a threat to put out one of his eyes, and in answer extended two of his fingers, meaning thereby that he would return the compliment by inflicting on the princess complete blindness. The whole assembly of the Pundits burst, on this, into loud acclamations. They remarked that the reply of Kalidasa was a most decisive proof of his superiority over Biddyatoma. The princess, by stretching out one of her fingers, gave but an imperfect account of the creation by attributing it to one First Cause; whereas their learned preceptor was right in signifying it to be the result of the joint operation of *Prakriti* or nature, and *Purush* or the Supreme Spirit borne down by the unanimous opinion of the Pundits, the bewildered Biddyatoma was obliged to acknowledge her error, and confess herself to be beaten; and agreeably to the condition of her vow, she accepted Kalidasa for her husband. Such is the puerile story of the manner in which the unlettered Kalidasa became the husband of Biddyatoma by a dodge of the Brahmins. It is scarcely to be believed that a clever woman, who was prepared to contend for the palm of victory with the wits and literati of her age, could have been so easily over-reached and victimized by a deception. There is, however, a basis of truth in the tradition, which has been repeated from age to age; and we doubt not that Biddyatoma was a learned female, who chose Kalidasa for her husband, very probably from an admiration of that genius which has enriched the Sancrit literature with dramas and poems of unknown merit.

We have now brought our sketch of Hindoo female celebrities down to the borders of legitimate history. We reserve, for a future paper, our account of the women that belong to times nearer our own.

THE PERSONAL NARRATIVE OF THE EUPHRATES EXPEDITION.*

(Spectator, January 2.)

A BOOK of travels thirty years behind time has many chances against its finding a large circle of readers. In these days it would hardly be possible to name any part of the world in which one decade, not to speak of three, does not produce as many new records of travel as will largely supersede the old. The countries which were the scene of General Chesney's explorations are far from being an exception to the rule. They have been surveyed by travellers and antiquarians, botanists and geologists, time and again; almost every route of General Chesney and his colleagues has been revisited, while the country has been traversed in numerous other directions, and various consular reports bring down to the latest date the political and commercial statistics of the region. In these circumstances General Chesney produces the personal narrative of his famous expedition at no little disadvantage, although intrinsically, if published at the time, hardly any work would have been more entitled to be the traveller's book of the season. As the record of an expedition on an unusually large scale, having an important bearing on the present interests of the Empire, and carried on through a wide country full of historical interest but then little explored, it must have been received with *éclat*, and continued for long years a standard book of travels. Now the cream has long since been taken off it, not merely by subsequent explorations, but by the gradual leakage of facts as to the personal narrative itself. Yet in spite of every disadvantage, it is a book amongst many. It is not an ephemeral book of travels, but a historical piece of permanent interest, marking one of the most important stages in the industrial reconquest of the East by the West. The problem it treats of again, the use of the Euphrates river or valley as the road to India, is still unsolved, so that the subject is full of *present* interest.

The personal narrative begins in 1829. The principal expedition was preceded by a survey which General Chesney accomplished with but little assistance, and the results of which were the basis of the Parliamentary vote for the larger expedition. The object was to take advantage of the new agency of steam, to reopen the old routes to India by Egypt and the Red Sea, and by Mesopotamia and the Persian Gulf. General Chesney says little here of his Egyptian exploration, though it paved the way for the existing overland route; but he insists very properly now, when the event is confirming his expectations, on the clearness of his perception at the time of the practicability of a canal between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean. The outline of his Euphrates' explorations is given at more length, and is exceedingly interesting, supplying almost a full enough account of the river for popular apprehension. He first traversed, not without some perilous adventures among the Arabs, a large part of Palestine and Syria, visiting Jerusalem, the Jordan, the Dead Sea, the Lebanon, Beirut, Tripoli, Damascus, Baalbek, and other towns and places; and afterwards proceeded eastward by the Hauuran and Palmyra towards the Euphrates. Finally, in December, 1830, he commenced a journey from Damascus across the Arabian desert to the river which he touched at El Werdi—a place afterwards memorable in the story of the expedition for a tremendous hurricane, in which the smaller of the two steamers engaged was lost, and also remarkable in history for the loss of 1,100 vessels belonging to the great expedition of the Emperor Julian to Babylonia. Antiquarian recollections like this last are of frequent recurrence in the volume; the author writes with a feeling that he was rediscovering a region, and this has quite a different charm from anything which can be found in the record of travels through regions hitherto unknown to the civilized world. Arrived at Anna, 830 miles from the mouth of the river, he made arrangements to float down by means of a raft supported on inflated skins. Many of our readers will have read descriptions of such craft, but many will not, and General Chesney's vessel is historical:—

"Its base was a rectangular platform of 14½ feet long by 13½ feet wide, with a sort of well, or inlet, left open at the after extremity of the structure, which was rendered substantial by successive layers of branches, crossed at right angles to each other, till they were about 18 inches or two feet thick, which gave it sufficient stability. Rough planks were laid above the interlaced branches to support a platform, on which a kind of fireplace was fitted up within an enclosure of wet clay (for security from fire); and 40 inflated sheepskins were placed beneath the raft to give it the requisite buoyancy when floated."

The mode of navigation is thus described:—

"An Arab, named Belgood, had been selected by the Sheikh, for his fidelity as well as for his knowledge of the river, to accompany me. Two other Arabs were to guide the raft by keeping it in midstream each carrying for this purpose a rude oar with a kind of fan or blade at the extremity, made of the wood of the date tree. These individuals sat on each side of the well, or opening in the after part of the raft, with their feet in the water, so as to be quite ready to blow out any of the skins from which the air might have escaped. Halil (the dragoman) and his slave-boy completed our party. A pocket compass gave the bearing of the principal points and a rough sketch was to be made as we followed the stream. But as any attempt to sound would have been sure to arouse suspicion which might have proved fatal to success, the very important object of the depth of the river was obtained approximately by letting down a ten-feet pole through the well of the raft, which, being forced upwards in case of touching the bottom, or meeting any obstruction, gave me the means of ascertaining the depth of water without attracting the observation that must have resulted from any attempt to make regular soundings."

In this way General Chesney floated down the ancient river, passing a constant succession of watermills, aqueducts, and hamlets, and between well wooded banks and long islands of various dimensions, a picturesque and lively scene, resembling but excelling the scenery on the Nile, which he had also seen. At Hit the raft was exchanged for another peculiar craft, one of the pitch boats constructed by the self-taught shipwrights of that place, with no other materials than an axe and a saw, ladle, for pouring out the melted pitch, and a roller for smoothing it, and without docks, basins, or slips of any kind. The journey downwards was broken at Felujah, 87 miles below Hit, that the author might visit Major Taylor, Consul at Bagdad, and receive information and assistance for his further passage. This effected, the voyage was resumed and continued to Bushire with little adventure or difficulty. After an exploration of the Persian river Karun, which became so well known in the Persian war of 1857, the author returned to the Mediterranean by Tabriz, Erzeroum, and Trebizone, taking in between the latter place and Aleppo a survey of the country at the head of the Euphrates, and between it and the Mediterranean. His final work was to survey the bays of Antioch and Scanderoon, from which, by way of Aleppo, lay the most available route between the Mediterranean and the river.

Returning to England in 1832, General Chesney submitted a report of his protracted survey to Parliament. He succeeded in interesting King William IV. in the results; and to that monarch's personal influence the initiation of the great expedition was largely due. In 1833 again the Eastern question was in one of its crises, consequent on the Russo-Turkish war which ended in the peace of Adrianople; and the immediate apprehensions of Russian aggression stimulated public feeling on the question of speedy communication with India. It was not till 1834, however, that the House of Commons, after inquiring by a Select Committee, before which General Chesney was examined, voted £20,000 for his desired expedition by means of steamers to be carried in pieces overland from the Mediterranean, and put together on the upper course of the Euphrates. The reason for going down instead of up the river was the expediency of not alarming the Arabs with the notion of an invasion of the country, which they would have got by the arrival of the steamers from the sea. The determination was undoubtedly sound, and at least added to the romance of the adventure, how only the task of getting steamers and their machinery in pieces being then novel, but the construction of the steamers themselves. The steamers, the *Euphrates* and *Tigris*, were designed and built by Messrs. Laird, of Liverpool; but General Chesney had the principal share in their design, and was mainly if not wholly responsible for the idea of transporting them overland. As the larger one was 108 feet long and 19 feet beam, the smaller one 68 feet long and 16 feet beam, and the distance they had to be carried under considerable difficulties of obtaining transport was 137 miles, it is impossible not to wonder even now at the happy audacity and spirit with which the work was undertaken. Even after the vote of the House of Commons the whole enterprise was at one moment in danger, partly in consequence of the opposition of the Porte, and partly through the desire of Lord Ellenborough to substitute Basrah instead of the coast of Syria as the point of departure. But every difficulty was at length got over, and General Chesney received his formal instructions from the Duke of Wellington in November 1834. Although only Captain, he obtained the rank of Colonel for this particular service. The object of the expedition was stated to be the establishment of a communication with India, and such was the intention at the time—not a mere exploration.

The expedition landed at the mouth of the Orontes in April, 1835. Difficulties, diplomatic and physical, at once assailed it. The authorities on the spot had no sufficient instructions from the Porte as to the co-operation to be given, and even threatened to resist the operations by force; but General Chesney persevered, trusting to the success of our agent with the Porte and with Mehemet Ali if a landing was actually made and the intention to persevere manifest. His confidence was sound, but he was nevertheless deprived of labourers and transport in the early stages; and these had to be extemporized, mainly with the help of the Arab chiefs on the Euphrates. But for the preliminary survey, the difficulties would have been enormously increased. The landing of the material for the steamers, especially the boilers, on a semi-barbarous coast was itself a hard task, but nothing to the work of transport. For days and weeks the members of the expedition were engaged in felling timber in the forests, constructing rough waggons and rollers, on which the heavy pieces might be moved, and in making a practicable road. No less than 840 camels, and 160 mules had likewise to be hired. Even with all these appliances, the transport very nearly broke down, the progress at the worst parts of the road being half a mile per diem. The waggons and sledges were continually breaking down and had to be repaired on the spot, one of the officers in charge on a certain occasion purchasing a native house for the sake of a large beam in it which there was no other means of procuring. Fever broke out while the work was progressing, and General Chesney himself only conscious for some days. On September 26 the *Euphrates* was launched, but much time had still to be spent in getting the engines convey

TREATMENT OF SNAKE-BITE.

(Melbourne Argus)

The value of Professor Halford's discovery for the treatment of snake-bite is every day becoming more apparent. To the case of Mr. John Brown, station-master at Elsternwick, alluded to in last month's summary, and who has since completely recovered the effects of a bite inflicted by a large brown snake, there have been added many others. About a fortnight since a man named Philip Edmonds, employed at Carngam, received a bite in the leg from a snake said to be five feet in length. The wound was immediately scarified and sucked. Dr. O'Grady having been sent for, arrived soon afterwards, and proceeded to apply Professor Halford's remedy. The wound was allowed to bleed freely, being at the same time bathed with aq. ammonia. A vein in the right arm was then opened, and a mixture of ammonia and water—one drachm of the former, two and a half drachms of the latter—injected, while small draughts of ammoniacal brandy-and-water were administered at intervals of half an hour. The patient was also kept walking until from sheer fatigue he was incapable of further exertion. This treatment having been continued for four hours, the services of a galvanic battery were had recourse to, and a moderate current of electricity conveyed through the system. After two hours, symptoms of returning animation were apparent, and in a short time, the patient was able to walk about the room. A fit of stupor subsequently succeeded, but this passed off in a short time, and at its termination perfect consciousness ensued, and the man was so far recovered as to be pronounced out of danger. This treatment was found equally efficacious in another and very singular case which occurred about a week ago. It was that of a young girl named Isabella Melrose, residing at Smythesdale, who, while drawing water from a hole, had been bitten by a carpet snake on the extremity of the little finger of the right hand. Dr. Barnett was called in, and applied ammonia somewhat similarly to the method pursued as above stated. The case was of a serious character, owing no doubt to the tender age of the patient, but she was enabled to walk about the following day, the effects of the poison having been completely overcome. On the following day, the same girl was again bitten by a snake of the same species. Her mother at once acted as previously, by excising the wound, applying ammonia, and putting on a ligature. Dr. Barnett's services were called into requisition on this occasion also, and, despite the weakness of the patient, and the aggravated effects of the second bite, he was enabled to restore the girl to consciousness and strength after a short time. Nothing could demonstrate more satisfactorily the great importance of Professor Halford's mode of treatment than these cases cited above.

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WINES, SPIRITS, BEER, &c.

IMPORTANT

TO MESSES, MERCHANTS, and RESIDENTS, in Western India : Apply to CUTLER, PALMER, & Co., Dean Lane, Bombay, for such Wines, Spirits, and Cordials, as

AMONTILLADO, a choice after-dinner Wine.
BRAUNEBERGER, a fragrant dessert Wine.
CLARETS, of the best growths to ordinary, in Quarts and Pints See List.
CHAMBERTIN, the elite of Burgundies.
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CHERRY BRANDY, after-dinner Liqueur.
DRY and VERY DRY CHAMPAGNE, in Magnums, Quarts, and Pints, three qualities.
EAST INDIA MADEIRA, of magnificent character.
Fine Sparkling NONPAREIL and other HOCKS, specially prepared for India.
GIN, best London distilled, dry and soft.
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HOCHEIMER, a light refreshing Wine in hot weather.
INVALIDS' PORT, really and truly splendid Wine.
JOHANNISBERGER, a récherché Cabinet Wine.
LIEBFRAUMILCH, another style of Cabinet after-dinner Wine.
MOSELLE NONPAREIL, the finest sparkling, brilliant condition.
MARSALA, pale Virgin, good dinner Wine.
MACON, cheap quality dinner Burgundy.
NUITS, a dinner Burgundy, medium quality.
ORANGE BITTERS, pure, recommended for use before dinner.
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(Quotations given at Dean Lane, Bombay.)

RUM, the best of old landed Jamaicas.
RUDESHEIMER, full bodied dinner Hock.
SAUTERNE, delicate and fine flavoured.
TRAMINER FORSTER, a very choice Dessert Hock.

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Very old and choice pale COGNACS to medium quality.
WHISKY, Scotch and Irish, old, soft, and mellow.
XERES WINES, in six styles, dry and pale, gold, &c.
YQUEM SAUTERNE, shipped to order.
ZARA MARASCHINO DI, a choice Liqueur.

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Our heart-shaped Labels, originated and used by us since 1815, are now extensively copied in India, we beg our friends and the public will ask for our Trade-mark Label when ordering Spirits, and so prevent fraud.

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Traders indenting on us for not less than 100 dozens of any one Wine, (Champagne and Moselle included) may have their own James branded on the Corks if desired.

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CLARETS, at from £10 (advancing £5 per Hhd.) to £26, in Bordeaux.
SHERRIES, at from £30 (advancing £10 per Butt) to £250, in Cadiz or London.
PORTS, at from £36 (advancing £10 per Pipe) to £180, in Oporto or London.
COGNACS and other Spirits, according to age, at per Gallon.

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FOR SALE, at the Godowns of the undersigned, Bass' Beer, bottled by H. Stone and Co.

Bombay, 18th December 1868. LYON & Co.

FOR SALE, at the Godowns of the undersigned, Barclay and Perkin's Porter, bottled by J. W. Bridges and Sons, London.

Quarts, Rs. 5 per dozen.
Pints, ,, 3½

SIR CHARLES FORBES & Co.

FOR SALE, at the Godowns of the undersigned—

Brandy	'Otard Dupuy & Co.'	Rs. 30 per dozen.
Whiskey	'Dunville's V.R.'	,, 18 ,,
Clarets	'Medoc'	,, 10 ,,
Do.	'Lormont'	,, 12 ,,

Bombay, 12th Sept. 1868. BLACKWELL & Co.

FOR SALE, at the Godowns of the undersigned.

Messrs. Thomas Dunkin & Sons' BRANDIES.

Champagne Cognac, in 1 and 3 doz. cases, at			Rs. 22 per doz.
Vieux	,,	Do.	,, 18 ,,
Cognac	,,	Do.	,, 16 ,,

RENNIE, SCOVELL, & Co.

FOR SALE, at the Godowns of the undersigned, the following WINES, shipped by Messrs. Frederick Gisler & Co., London :—

Champagne	... ...	Quarts, in Cases of	... ... 1 doz. each
Do.	... ...	...Pints	do. ... ... 2 ,,
Moselle	... ...	Quarts	do. ... ... 1 ,,
Do.	... ...	...Pints	do. ... ... 2 ,,
Hock	... ...	(Hockheimer) Quarts	do... 1 ,,
Do.	... ...	(Marcobrunner) Qts.	do... 1 ,,

Eau De Cologne ... ... 6 Bottles in a Box.

Also,

Shipped by Messrs. Block, Grey, and Block :

Superior Larose Claret in cases of 1 doz. each.
Do. ... ... (St. Julien) ... 1 ,, W. NICOL & Co

FOR SALE at the Godowns of the undersigned.

CHAMPAGNE

Champagne	Titus Newhouse ...	Quarts 18
Do.	Rose ...	P. Wygelin ... ,, 20
do.	...	B. & E. Perrier ... ,, 36

SPARKLING HOCK AND MOSELLE.

Sparkling Schwarzhofberg	...	F. Kehrmann ...	Quarts 34
do. Hock	...	do. ...	,, 22
do. Moselle	...	do. ...	,, 22
do. Moselle Muscatel	...	do. ...	,, 22
do. Moselle No. 2	...	Titus Newhouse ...	,, 30
do. Moselle No. 2	...	do. ...	Pints 31
do. Moselle No. 1	...	do. ...	Quarts 22
do. Moselle No. 1	...	do. ...	Pints 23

STILL HOCK.

Queen Victoria Vineyard	...	G. M. Pabstmann Son	Quarts 54
do.	...	do. ...	,, 48
Marcobrunner	...	do. ...	,, 30
Boxbentel Steinwein	...	do. ...	,, 24
Liebfraumilch	...	Gobr. Schmits ...	,, 18
Hochheimer	...	do. ...	,, 36
Schloss Johannisberg	...	do. ...	,, 32
Rudesheimer	...	do. ...	,, 36

CLARETS.

Bages Pauliac	...	R. G. Hobbs & Co...	,, 34
Milon Pauliac	...	do. ...	,, 34
Clos Fourlet St. Emillion	...	do. ...	,, 28
Vrai canon	...	H. & C. Balaresque	,, 24
Chateau de Frauds	...	do. ...	,, 19
Chateau Larose	...	H. Hernozant & Co.	,, 24
Chateau Leoville	...	do. ...	,, 19
Baumes Sauterne Superior Montheuil Frane fils Aine do.			,, 36
Chateau Bel Air St. Julien Medoc...		do. ...	,, 24
Chateau Delorme Margaux	...	do. ...	,, 24

SUNDRY WINES AND BRANDIES.

Sherry	No. 4 ...	Titus Newhouse ...	Quarts 26
Old Champagne Cognac	...	H. & C. Balaresque.	,, 22
Brandy	...	H. Hibelot & Co	,, 20
do.	...	R. G. Hobbs & Co...	,, 24
Old Cognac	...	do. ...	,, 30
Absinthe	...	do. ...	,, 30
Burgundy Porto	...	do. ...	,, 12
do.	...	do. ...	,, 16
Best Old Cognac	...	do. ...	,, 30
do.	...	Blanchy Freres & Co	,, 30
Brandy	...	John Bakes ...	,, 15
Bonekamp of Maughitter	...	H. Underberg Albrecht...	,, 20
Magenbitter	...	Idocius Roberts ...	,, 20

Terms—CASH.

Bombay, January 1869. VOLKART BROTHERS.

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PEACHES from the HILLS—fresh batch received on Saturday—in baskets of 200, more or less. Price, cash, Rs. 3 per basket. Apply to
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Thomason Perry and Sons' Fire Proof Safes and Deed Boxes.
Lowmoor Iron Plates.
Leather Belting, Suction and Delivery Hose.
Patent Duplex Punches, to punch ¼ inch Plate Iron.
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Have now in harbour, and daily expect to be landed, S. and F. Cast Iron Pipes, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, and 9 inches diameter, orders for which they are now ready to book.

In Stock—Bar, Plate, Sheet and Hoop Iron.
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Lead and Wrought Iron Piping.
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Crab Winches to lift 2, 5 and 15 tons.
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A large Stock of General Hardware.

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Orders for all sorts of Iron Work promptly and carefully executed.

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